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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>14</u>	November 2003.		
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3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allow	•	* •	the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice unde	r <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.[D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.	
Disposition of Claims		•	
4) Claim(s) <u>1-15</u> is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withd 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) <u>1-15</u> is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and	rawn from consideration.		
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams in view of Peterson and further in view of either of Flower or Noone et al. when considering Mitchell.

Williams discloses, Fig. 1, form panel 10 having face sheet 32 and frame 13-16 coupled to and supporting the face sheet. Coupling sites can be seen along any portion of the frame members 15, 16 as at 41, 51. Parts receiver positioned remotely from any coupling site is at or along 73/74, or 75, between parallel rails or members 15 and 16. Also, parts receiver positioned wholly within a parts holding region is as along stiffeners 73 and 74, or 75, which stiffeners extend between rails 15, 16 positioned along the perimeter of the face sheet. Discreet part adapted for coupling adjacent forming panels are the cross pins and wedges utilized in connecting on form panel to another. At least parts 51 and 43 are releasably attached to the parts receiver by inserting into said openings.

Peterson teaches utilization of an elastomeric rubber 9 as a gripping agent for holding tools 26 within storage openings 49. Clearance opening is at 23 with a base of the retaining ring abutting a marginal portion 11, 14, 15 of a wall 12, (i.e., wedged within

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a retaining track formed by 11/14 on either side of the opening). Each of Flower and Noone et al. teach application of brush seals as old and well known in the art while Mitchell teaches use of a brush seal to grip and hold loose elements. To have provided the Williams storage arrangement, (including 75, 73, 74), with either an elastomeric rubber or brush ring holder within the openings thereof, thus enhancing the hold of discreet parts stored in non use, would have constituted an obvious expedient to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Peterson and further in view of either of Flower or Noone et al. when considering Mitchell. Providing the brush ring holder within a retaining structure having a marginal portion with the base of the retaining ring abutting a marginal portion would have constituted a further obvious expedient to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Peterson's holder of Figs. 2 and 4. Providing for a T-shaped holder, as by extending the "cross-head 16, 17 along both sides of the holder would have been a further obvious expedient as it is well known that duplication of a part is an obvious expedient particularly, to fashion a sturdier holder; In re Harza, 274 F.2d 669, 124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (703) 308-2481. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur., 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone

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